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▶ Construction workers at a condo building in Vancouver.

Group alleges claims abuse

▶ ICBA accuses construction employees of using workers' compensation as an EI alternative ▶ Trades council says numbers are skewed as workers are pressured to not report incidents

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Construction workers are abusing disability leaves to protect their jobs in the faltering economy, the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. (ICBA) alleges.

Philip Hochstein, president of ICBA, says the average duration of short-term disability claims in the construction industry has shot up 42 per cent from December 2008 to December 2010.

The trend, despite lower injury rates, came during a time when the industry was cutting up to 25,000 jobs a year.

"You have to ask the question why," Hochstein said. "In 2008 we had full employment, there was lot of money to be made and there was no incentive to stay on compensation. Now workers are staying on compensation longer because there is no job to return to; it's more lucrative than (employment insurance)."

The longer compensation times could cost contractors thousands, if not millions, of dollars in insurance premiums, Hochstein says.

ICBA has urged WorkSafeBC to look into the issue and the association is also planning a summit later this year to address its growing concerns.

"WorkSafeBC needs to start managing claims so that it covers workers unable to work, not workers unable to find a job," Hochstein writes in the association's winter newsletter.

The allegation has been sharply refuted by the Building and Construction Trades Council.

"There must be a massive conspiracy between doctors and unemployed construction workers for this claim to be true," said president Tom Sigurdson. "This is typical of the ICBA, looking out for their members but at the expense of workers that are injured."

Sigurdson says the jump in average short-term disability claim duration to 74.3 days from 52.5 in those two years comes down to employers urging workers to take time off to recover from minor injuries instead of reporting them to WorkSafeBC.

"That happens a lot," Sigurdson said. "Of course the disability duration goes up when less severe claims aren't being reported."

WorkSafeBC was unavailable for comment by Metro's deadline.

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Drivers still distracted

It's been close to two years since B.C.'s distracted-driving law — which prohibits the use of handheld devices like cellphones when driving — took effect, but British Columbians apparently still aren't receiving the message.

According to government figures, police issued more than 26,000 distracted-driving tickets in the first nine months of 2011 — 8,000 more than were issued in the 11 months following the law's implementation in February 2010.

There were also 795 tickets issued to drivers for emailing or texting behind the wheel, an increase of 218 tickets over the prior year.

JENNIFER KWOK

Hundreds pay tribute to volunteer firefighter

A volunteer firefighter killed in the line of duty in the tiny B.C. town of Enderby has been remembered as a man who made the ultimate sacrifice for his community.

The tribute came at a memorial service in Enderby Thursday for 25-year-old Dan Botkin, attended by hundreds of firefighters from as far away as Ontario.

He was killed a week ago, and another fireman was injured, in an explosion during the mop-up of a blaze at a log home building company.

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▶ Vancouver big-band leader Dal Richards plays a short song on his saxophone.

94 and still swinging

Vancouver music legend Dal Richards celebrates his big day with friends and family ◐ 'Music is my life,' he says

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
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Canada's King of Swing, Dal Richards, turned 94 Wednesday and he's showing no signs of slowing down from the music biz anytime soon.

The big-band legend celebrated his birthday at his apartment with his wife, Muriel Honey, and a few close friends like Jim Pattison and Peter Legge. The whole affair was broadcasted live on Breakfast Television.

Richards, an accomplished clarinetist, saxophonist and musical arranger, said he's thankful for being blessed with good health.

"Every gig I play now is an accomplishment because I'm playing at 94," he added. "That in itself keeps me young. When I was leaving my doctor's office a little while ago, she put her arm on my shoulder and said, 'Dal, don't stop blowing that horn. You may drop dead.'"

"Now that I've reached this age, I'm very conscious of my health," said Richards, who is now into his seventh decade as a musician and big-band leader. "I'm going to work at it and maintain my ability to do whatever I do. I exercise every day and having Muriel as a wife is a great incentive."

Muriel, his wife of 10 years, said Richards is a lot quieter than people think.

"He's extroverted when he's onstage, but he's really a homebody who likes a good book and a quiet conversation," she said. "I wish that he keeps busy for the next year and that we plan a really wonderful 95th and an equally wonderful 100th."

Legge, CEO of Canada Wide Media Ltd., who has known Richards for 40 years, said he wishes that Richards will continue to be an inspiration not only to young musicians, but everyone in the province.

Richards said he's thankful for all the recognition and awards he has received, but most thankful for the music.

"If you're lucky enough to be pursuing something you enjoy, don't let go," he said. "If you get enjoyment from it, it's inspirational and it just goes on and on."

Scam adds to family's grief

RCMP in Sicamous are warning about a phone scam targeting sympathetic neighbours after the death of a father and his two children earlier this week.

In the aftermath of Sunday's mobile-home fire, fraudsters have set up an automated telephone soliciting line asking people to record their credit card information if they wish to make a donation to Kara Wagner, the victims' fiancée and mother.

While real fundraising efforts are underway, RCMP say the automated phone scheme is a scam.

"It is truly a very dark side of human nature, when we see an individual or groups taking advantage of victims involved in such tragic incidents," said Cpl. Dan Moskaluk in a media release.

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▶ Kara Wagner with her sons Devlin and Lealan

MATT KIELTYKA

News in brief

Mayor's former foster child arrested

The former foster child of Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson has been arrested in Richmond. Jinagh Navas-Rivas, 21, was wanted in connection with a dial-a-dope operation but turned himself in Thursday afternoon.

MATT KIELTYKA

Heavy copper wire stolen

A thief, or thieves, on Vancouver Island made off with almost a kilometre of heavy copper wire, police said Thursday. In all, about 770 metres of BC Hydro cable was stolen. The cable weighs more than 2,000 kilograms and would have taken several days to steal.

SHIHO YODA

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Eagle count set to soar once again

Group hoping to see about 1,000 eagles this year in Brackendale

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The "grandfather of all eagle festivals" is back for its 26th year and organizers are hoping to see more eagles making a comeback.

The annual Brackendale Eagle Count gets underway Sunday at 8 a.m. in the Sea-to-Sky community of Brackendale, north of Squamish. The Brackendale Winter Eagle Festival also runs throughout January at the Brackendale Art Gallery.

Thor Froslev, gallery owner and count co-ordinator, said more than 60 volunteers will be setting out on foot, raft or kayak to 20 different areas along the Squamish, Cheakamus and Mumquam rivers for the annual count of bald eagles.

"They're walking in the morning with a smile on their face and whatever kind of weather it is, they come back here grinning from ear to ear," he said. "It's just great to be out there amongst the eagles, the wind and the water."

Last year 627 eagles were counted and 2010 saw a total of 956 eagles. The all-time record was more than 3,700 eagles in 1994.

Frosley said they're hoping to see more than 1,000 this year. He added the annual count and festival are significant because it serves as a "scientific window" and brings awareness for the preservation and enhancement of the eagles in Brackendale.

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▶ An eagle rests on a log along the edge of the Squamish River in Brackendale during the 2008 eagle count.

Nearly half of British Columbians support pipeline: Enbridge poll

Nearly half of British Columbians support Enbridge-proposed Northern Gateway project, which would pass through the province, according to an Ipsos Reid poll conducted on behalf of the pipeline company.

The survey, released Thursday, suggests 48 per cent of B.C. residents back the controversial $5.5-billion project — 14 per cent of those strongly. On the flip side, 32 per cent oppose it — 13 per cent strongly.

About 20 per cent of respondents said they were "undecided" on the proposed project.

ForestEthics, one of the most vehement critics of Northern Gateway, quickly dismissed the Ipsos Reid poll as "bogus," citing an independent survey by Forum Research last month that found half of Canadians oppose the project.

Northern Gateway would carry some 525,000 barrels per day of Alberta crude to the West Coast for export to Asian countries.

A much smaller parallel line would bring diluent — used to make oilsands bitumen thin enough to flow through pipelines — from the coast to Alberta.

Regulatory hearings into Northern Gateway begin next week in Kitimat and the process is expected to take about two years, with more than 4,000 people set to speak.

There has been vocal opposition to the project from First Nations, environmentalists and other groups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ A man walks through the 2010 Winter Olympic gallery at the revamped B.C. Sports Hall of Fame Thursday.

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Olympic gallery displays winning outfits

The new Olympic gallery, which opens Friday, exhibits more than 23,000 artifacts from the 2010 Games. Among the items are gold medallist Jon Montgomery's skeleton racing suit and the outfits of gold-medal ice skaters Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

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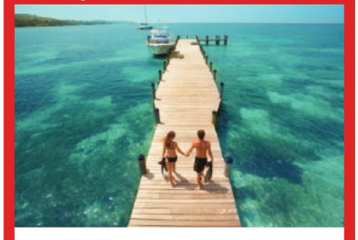

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Innu band told to redo vote

The Federal Court of Canada has overturned a 2010 band-council election in the Labrador Innu community of Natuashish and ordered a new vote.

Justice Donald Rennie says there were major problems with the way the original vote was held.

The problems include short notice of the vote, a lack of control of the number of ballots printed, uncertainty about custody of the ballot boxes and a large number of spoiled ballots.

He says the only way to restore confidence in the process is to set aside the 2010 results and hold another election within three months.

The community is one of two Mushuau Innu First Nation communities in Labrador.

It lies on the northern coast of Labrador about 300 kilometres north of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

"I find that substantial problems pervaded this election," Rennie wrote in his decision.

The judge said the disputed election was called on 13 days' notice, instead of the usual 21 to 30 days.

He said no new voters list was compiled, meaning some dead band members may have been listed among those eligible to cast ballots.

The official returning officer was hired only four days before the vote. And there were questions about control of the ballot boxes after the vote.

Finally, the judge called the number of spoiled ballots "unacceptably high."

"It cannot be said that the principles of fairness and impartiality were respected in the election process," Rennie concluded.

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First Nation seeks aid

Ottawa says Attawapiskat bills will be paid as soon as band co-operates

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▶ In this file photo, a tattered Canadian flag flies over a teepee in Attawapiskat, Ont.

First Nations in the James Bay region of Northern Ontario say their housing crisis is deepening despite the federal government's recent response to Attawapiskat.

In a statement issued Thursday, the troubled Attawapiskat First Nation said it won't be able to make its January payroll unless Ottawa shows more flexibility.

Many families are still living in tents and substandard shelters there. And now essential services such as education are at risk because the $1.5 million earmarked for them has been placed in the hands of a government-appointed third party, according to a statement from the regional Mushkegowuk Council.

Neighbouring Cree communities along James Bay are crying out for emergency help as well.

"With temperatures now in the minus 30s and 40s, the chiefs are calling on the federal and provincial governments to take immediate action on the housing crisis in Fort Albany and Kashechewan as well," the statement said.

The federal government contests almost every point in the council's statement.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan said the third-party manager appointed by Ottawa to run Attawapiskat's finances will make sure all essential services are running smoothly — and the bills paid — as soon as the band starts co-operating with him and giving him the information he needs.

"As was addressed in a letter on January 4, 2012 to Chief (Theresa) Spence, the third-party manager is ready to issue payroll cheques for essential services, such as teachers, and will do so as soon as he is provided with the necessary information from the chief and council," Duncan said in an emailed statement.

He said families no longer need to live in tents because the local healing lodge has been renovated. It now has running water, bathrooms and heat, and is ready to accept families who feel they need better shelter.

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911 tape reveals tense moments at Texas school where teen was shot

YVETTE VELA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ The pellet gun the victim was holding when he was shot.

A 911 recording reveals the tense moments in a Texas middle school when police confronted an eighth-grader who was brandishing a realistic-looking pellet gun and repeatedly ordered him to put the weapon down.

Over and over, officers can be heard telling 15-year-old Jaime Gonzalez to put the weapon on the floor. When he refused, they fatally shot the boy Wednesday at Cummings Middle School in Brownsville.

A six-minute recording of the 911 call that summoned police was obtained Thursday by the Brownsville Herald.

An assistant principal made the call. As officers arrive, she says Gonzalez is drawing the weapon. A moment later, police yell that Gonzalez is running through the hall.

Someone can be heard yelling that the student says he's willing to die. And an administrator is yelling, "Lock the door."

The weapon turned out to be a pellet gun that closely resembled the real thing. No one else was injured.

Gonzalez's parents demanded to know why officers took lethal action.

"Why was so much excess force used on a minor?" asked the boy's father, Jaime Gonzalez, Sr. "Three shots. Why not one that would bring him down?"

The older Gonzalez said he had no idea where his son got the gun or why he brought it to school, adding: "We wouldn't give him a gift like that."

The boy's mother, Noralva Gonzalez, showed off a photo on her phone of a beaming Jaime in his drum-major uniform standing with his band instructors. Then she flipped through three close-up photos she took of bullet wounds in her son's body, including one in the back of his head.

"What happened was an injustice," she said angrily. "I know that my son wasn't perfect, but he was a great kid."

Interim police Chief Orlando Rodriguez said the teen "had plenty of opportunities to lower the gun and listen to the officers' orders." The chief said his officers acted to protect themselves and other students, firing three shots.

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Bundle. Of Joy

▶ Solace Huxley Layton Campbell is seen shortly after being born in Toronto on Thursday.

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New addition to Layton family

The Layton family has a new addition as of Thursday, as the late Jack Layton's daughter gave birth to a girl. Solace Huxley Layton Campbell was born at 2:15 a.m. Sarah Layton, the daughter of former NDP leader Jack Layton, who died in August, gave birth to the healthy baby girl, who weighed in at 9.4 pounds.

Officer dies after Utah shootout

Gunfire erupted as anti-drug police served a search warrant in a Utah neighbourhood, killing one officer and injuring five others and a suspect, authorities said.

Ogden police said in a statement early Thursday that agent Jared Francom died from his wounds after Wednesday night's shooting. Five police officers remain hospitalized with serious to critical injuries. Ogden police say shooting suspect Matthew David Stewart is at a hospital under guard, with non-life-threatening injuries.

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MYANMAR ELECTION

Reform not a sure thing: Suu Kyi

Democratic reforms begun by Myanmar's nominally civilian government will succeed only if the powerful military accepts the changes, opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, pictured, warned Thursday.

But she added she is cautiously optimistic more progress can be made.

"I wouldn't say that there are many dangers, but I wouldn't say that it is unstoppable, either," she said.

"I am concerned about how much support there is in the military for changes. In the end, that's the most important factor, how far the military are prepared to cooperate with reform principles."

Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy is moving closer to full participation in mainstream electoral politics. The government approved the party's registration Thursday, and the NLD can now pick candidates to run in April 1 byelections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mubarak should die: Prosecutor

Ousted Egyptian leader authorized use of live ammunition to kill protesters, lawyers charge ◗ Victims' families to testify on Monday

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▶ Anti-Mubarak protesters rally in Cairo on Thursday.

Hosni Mubarak deserves to be hanged, prosecutors said Thursday, charging that the former Egyptian president bears full responsibility for the killing of some 800 protesters during last year's uprising against his rule.

At Mubarak's trial in Cairo, prosecutor Mustafa Khater demanded the death penalty for Mubarak, former interior minister Habib el-Adly and four of his police commanders.

"Retribution is the solution. Any fair judge must issue a death sentence for these defendants," Khater said.

Drawing on months of witness testimony, the five prosecutors laid out their case this week, arguing that Mubarak and el-Adly — who was in charge of the police — ordered security forces to use deadly force against protesters.

For separate corruption charges levelled against Mubarak and his sons Alaa and Gamal, Khater demanded prison sentences with hard labour. Two police commanders charged with gross negligence face prison terms.

But some observers were skeptical that the death sentence would ever be carried out if Mubarak is convicted. A conviction would be followed by an appeals process that the ailing 83-year-old's lawyer would likely draw out, and Egypt's military rulers have the power to veto a death sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't block oil route: U.K. to Iran

Any attempt by Iran to block the Strait of Hormuz would be illegal and would fail, Britain's defence secretary, Philip Hammond, warned Thursday, hinting at a robust international response. Hammond made the comment during a visit to the Pentagon in Washington. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Alleged arsonist 'not stable mentally'

According to medical records, Burkhart suffered from autistic spectrum disorder, depression since childhood

The man who allegedly ignited more than 50 fires that terrorized Los Angeles last week may suffer from a series of mental illnesses.

Burkhart was arrested Monday near the Sunset Strip in a van with Canadian licence plates loaded with fire-starting materials. He has stonewalled investigators while being placed on a suicide watch.

His mother, Dorothee Burkhart, appeared in federal court Tuesday after being arrested on a fraud warrant from Germany.

37 Burkhart was charged Wednesday with 37 counts of arson as part of a rash of fires that caused more than $3 million US in damage.

Their family history remains murky, but documents reveal both mother and son struggled with mental illness.

They had a vagabond lifestyle, living at various times in Germany, the U.S. and Canada, and the son holds a German passport.

Medical records dated March 2010 say Harry Burkhart suffered from autistic spectrum disorder since his childhood, and he has severe anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and "is not stable mentally because of increase stress due to fear."

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Republican race heads to N.H.

U.S. Republican presidential candidates were swarming Thursday on New Hampshire, which offers the next harvest of nominating delegates in the party's bid to evict President Barack Obama from the White House.

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Beating. The odds

▶ Hawking speaks at an international gathering of scientists on the origins of the universe at Beijing's Great Hall of the People in China in 2006.

ELIZABETH DALZIEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Scientist to celebrate 70th birthday

British astrophysicist Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, or motor neuron disease, when he was a 21-year-old student at Cambridge University. Most people die within a few years of the disease being identified. On Sunday, Hawking turns 70.

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Early retirement? Better think again

Average worker wants to retire by 61, while 25- to 30-year-olds aim for 59

Canadians appear to be on a collision course with harsh reality when it comes to their increasingly unrealistic expectations for retiring early and comfortably.

With the underfunding in pension plans and rising household debt, a new TD Bank survey suggests Canadians haven't adjusted their retirement notions.

The survey shows six in 10 Canadians have less than $100,000 in household assets, not counting any home equity, while 16 per cent have no assets at all. The survey also found that 44 per cent of respondents believe they will have debt when they retire, and 13 per cent said their debt will be significant.

"For some Canadians, it's not going to be about choice. They will have to work past age 65 paying off debt or working longer hours to afford their retirement," said Cynthia Caskey of TD Waterhouse.

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Market moment

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Music. Albums

▶ In this file photo from last August, Adele performs at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

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Digital sales play catch-up

U.S. album sales rose by more than three per cent last year, the first gain since 2004 — a sign that rising digital sales are stemming the decade-long decline of CDs. The uptick to 458 million album sales was helped by Adele's album 21, which sold 5.8 million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

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1 **Kate turns big 3-0:** Her name is already forecast to be the most-used word in social media this year, and watch how much attention Kate gets next Monday (Jan. 9) when the duchess turns 30. What would be the icing on the cake? When Will and Kate announce they're having a baby. Twitter would completely melt.

2 **Rob Schneider:** His new comedy, Rob, airs next week (Jan. 12). It's about a newlywed dealing with his wife's close-knit Mexican-American family. TV critic Jace Lacob watched the pilot and live-tweeted his disdain for it. Sample tweet from @televisionary: "If Hell exists, it would be watching the Rob pilot over and over again for eternity. And I am only two minutes in ..." Must-watch.

3 **@RupertMurdoch:** Eighty-year-old media mogul Rupert Murdoch opened his (rather boring) Twitter account over the New Year's holiday and already has more than 100,000 followers. Murdoch, whose media empire, News Corp., has been under increased scrutiny due to phone hacking at his U.K. newspapers, better hope his Twitter account never gets hacked.

4 **Team Canada:** Our juniors were getting smoked 6-1 in the semifinal by Russia at the Calgary Saddledome, and staged what was almost an epic comeback, scoring four goals in the third and hitting a post late before falling short 6-5. Even though they didn't make the final, they can hold their heads high after that valiant comeback. 2013 will be their golden year.

5 **Twins born a year apart:** In a story gone viral this week, a Minneapolis couple welcomed twins six hours apart, with a boy, Beckett, born 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2011, and a girl, Freya, Jan. 1, 2012, at 12:26 a.m. New Year's Day. This means a) separate birthdays for both, and b) whenever the siblings fight, Beckett can go, "Yo, I'm a year older."

6 **Butt out:** A giant 12-foot acrylic cigarette butt was erected in Toronto Tuesday as The Canadian Cancer Society launched its seventh annual Driven to Quit Challenge. If you're thinking of quitting, try it. I've been clean from the cancer sticks for over 10 years. All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage. And willpower.

7 **Steve Jobs action figure:** A Chinese toy company called InIcons is releasing a detailed 12-inch action figure of Jobs wearing his signature black turtleneck, rimless glasses and blue jeans. Due for U.S. release late February (if Apple gives permission), word is they're getting tons of pre-orders. Accessories such as iPhone, iPad and iPod are not included!

8 **4,700 self-portraits:** For 14 years, Canadian photographer Jeff Harris has been doing an epic art project whereby he takes a self-portrait each day and then posts it on his website to take his readers along on his adventures. Think of it as his personal diary, but in photos. Check it out at jeffharris.org.

Follow Neil Morton on Twitter (@neilmorton).

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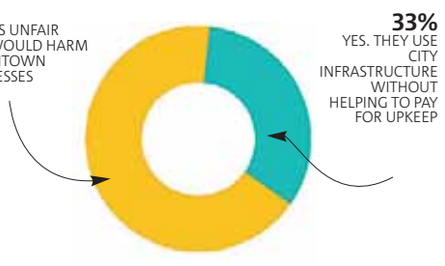
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Local tweets

- **@Janet Brown980:** BC Federation of Labour slams tolls on bridges saying unfair penalty on workers who commute.
- **@Southsiders:** Two trips to Portland? Sounds good. Any excuse to sample Oregon beer #Timbers #CascadiaCup #MLSSchedule bit.ly/AyMQ66
- **@_peterlegge:** In case you missed Dal Richards 94th birthday celebrations this am on CityTV w/Dawn Chubai here's a condensed video ow.ly/8jCCG <http://t.co/GSACIlwE> .
- **@CFL_News: Stubler:** "I am fortunate to inherit both a terrific staff & some of the league's best defensive performers." #BCLions #CFL
- **@ChristieBuono:** Welcome back Rich Stubler! Great addition for the orange and black big D #bclions #cfl
- **@VanCanucks:** #Canucks have arrived in #Boston. Great flight. Watched Black Hawk Down, despite not going to #Chicago ... yfrog.com/nz56vttj
- **@DowntownCharles:** Just heard on @CKNW that $4 million in tolls are owed to TransLink by those who used the Golden Ears bridge and did not pay!

A writing exam, Japanese-style

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Calligraphy contest honours Japan's tsunami victims

DISASTER. Around the world, people ring bells or shoot fireworks to welcome the new year, but in Japan they celebrate by showing off their brushwork. Thousands of contestants took part in Japan's 48th annual New Year Calligraphy Contest. About 3,000 filled the Nippon Budokan indoor arena for the event.

Calligraphers this year were encouraged to write banners of well wishes for those affected by last year's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

"My banner reads 'Strong will' — for those hit by the disaster. I also wish an early spring will arrive there," said Kuramochi Jun, a 12-year-old student.

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New-year banners

- **"The heart waits for spring"**
  Haru matsu kokoro (春待つ心)
- **"Strong will"**
  Tsuyoi ishi (強い意志)
- **"The sky of the New Year"**
  Shinnen no sora (新年の空)

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Synopsis

Award season is upon us. Soon Hollywood will hand out more gold than Fort Knox on free doubloon day. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the first major awards, the Golden Globes.

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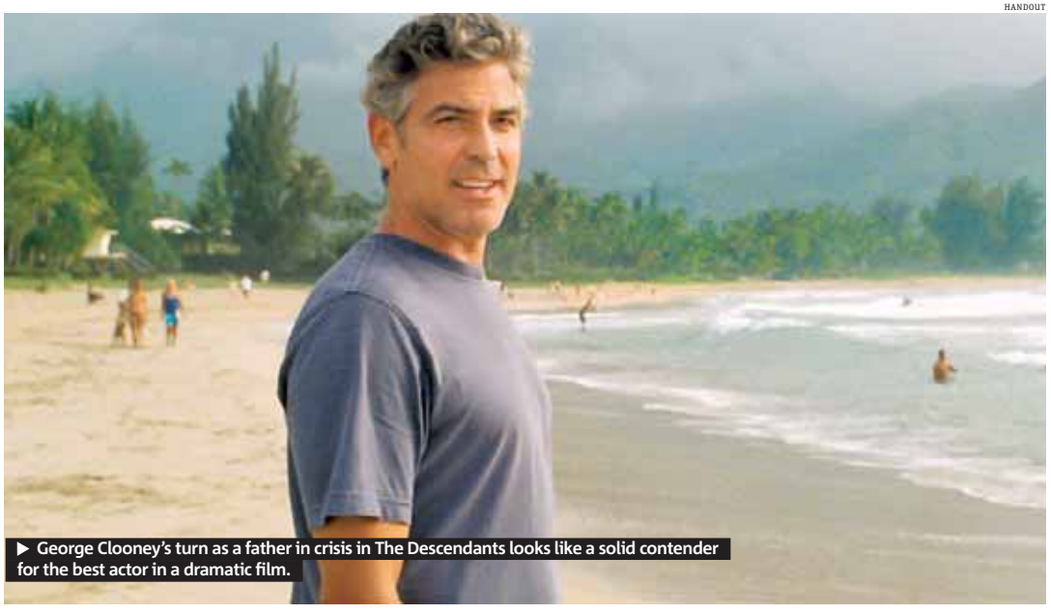

▶ George Clooney's turn as a father in crisis in The Descendants looks like a solid contender for the best actor in a dramatic film.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Going for the gold

Breslin and Crouse make their picks for the Golden Globes ◗ Is it Clooney's year?

Richard: Mark, I enjoyed bits and pieces of a lot of movies in 2011 so choosing winners in the Golden Globe Best Movie categories is giving me a bit of a headache. In the drama category I'll have to go with Moneyball as the film that hit it out of the park. As for comedy or musical it's a toss up between The Artist, which was the best time I had at the movies overall this year, and Bridesmaids, which made me laugh more than any movie this year. You?

Mark: Yes, Richard, Moneyball was a fine film. But I can't believe it will take away any top prizes because it just lacked any real emotional content — and the ending, while true to life, was a bit of a dud. I think it's George Clooney's year, and that The Descendents is the film to beat in the drama category. As for comedy, Bridesmaids is the funniest movie of the year, although The Artist is a more audacious achievement. I notice its director is nominated in that category, and I hope he wins. He made me feel like I was in 1928!

RC: I think you're right about Clooney. He brings with him the kind of star power the Globes crave for their broadcast. The Artist, not so much. With that in mind it seems likely Meryl Streep will take the Globe for best dramatic actress for The Iron Lady. Her mix of star power and chops almost guarantees a win. As for Comedy or Drama, I'd like to see Kristen Wiig take it for Bridesmaids. Of all the nominees it is the only full-on comedic performance.

MB: You're right about La Streep. Frankly, she won it the day the trailer aired. And with Michelle Williams shunted into the comedy category, there's little competition for her. And although it's a real stretch to call Williams' Monroe homage 'comedy', her only competition will be Charlize Theron's dress. Kristin Wiig is a comedic genius — the best thing since Carol Burnett — but I think her bid will be scuttled by the movie's poop jokes. Unfair, perhaps, but pure comedy scares votes away — it just doesn't seem like acting.

RC: One movie I think is a lock is the hands-down favourite for Best Foreign Film, A Separation. I'll be shocked if this doesn't win.

MB: Haven't seen it, but the buzz has been deafening. As long as Cars 2 doesn't win for Best Animated Picture, I'll be a happy man.

2 scene

Scene in brief

Actress-turned-director Sarah Polley is adapting Margaret Atwood's award-winning novel Alias Grace for the big screen. The project once again pairs the Toronto filmmaker with an acclaimed Canadian writer — Polley's celebrated directorial debut Away From Her was based on Alice Munro's short story The Bear Came Over the Mountain.
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Hugh Jackman plans his Broadway return as Harry Houdini in a musical by Aaron Sorkin.

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And the nominees are...

War Horse, The Help, The Artist, Bridesmaids among Producers Guild nominees Find out who else got a nod

The historical epic War Horse, the Deep South drama The Help, the silent film The Artist and the wedding comedy Bridesmaids are in the running for top honours from the Producers Guild of America.

Also nominated Tuesday for the guild's big film prize are two George Clooney tales: the family drama The Descendants and the political saga The Ides of March.

Two Paris stories made the cut, the family adventure Hugo and the romantic fantasy Midnight in Paris.

Rounding out the 10 nominees are the thriller The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo and the sports tale Moneyball.

Animated contenders for the Jan. 21 awards are The Adventures of Tintin, Cars 2, Kung Fu Panda 2, Puss in Boots and Rango.

Along with honours from other Hollywood professional groups such as actors, directors and writers guilds, the producer prizes help sort out contenders for the Academy Awards, whose nominations come out on Jan. 24.

One of the guild's awards, the Darryl F. Zanuck Producer of the Year Award in Theatrical Motion Pictures, is considered a strong indicator for the Best Picture Oscar. This is the 23rd year for the Producers Guild Awards.

The Producers Guild field represents a heavyhitting lineup of Oscar winners and nominees, including Steven Spielberg (War Horse and Tintin), Martin Scorsese (Hugo), Woody Allen (Midnight in Paris), David Fincher (Girl with the Dragon Tattoo), Alexander Payne (The Descendants) and Bennett Miller (Moneyball).

Besides starring in The Descendants, Clooney multi-tasked on Ides of March, directing, producing, co-starring and co-writing.

The Producers Guild has over 4,000 members who work in TV, film and new media.

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Other nods

Here are some of the other Producers Guild nominees:

- **Film documentary:** Beats, Rhymes & Life: The Travels of a Tribe Called Quest; Bill Cunningham New York; Project Nim; Senna; The Union.
- **TV comedy series:** 30 Rock; The Big Bang Theory; Glee; Modern Family; Parks and Recreation.
- **TV drama series:** Boardwalk Empire; Dexter; Game of Thrones; The Good Wife; Mad Men.
- **Long-form television:** Cinema Verite; Downton Abbey; The Kennedys; Mildred Pierce; Too Big to Fail.
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Movie reviews

The Mill and the Cross
Genre: Drama
Director: Lech Majewski
Stars: Rutger Hauer, Michael York,
●●
An "adaptation" of Pieter Bruegel's 1564 painting The Way to Calvary, the Mill and the Cross tells the story of both how the painting came to be and the lives of many of the people depicted in it. An art history student's dream, the imagery is stunning, but the film's lack of narrative and clunky dialogue leave a hollow feeling that ultimately detracts from its beauty. See the painting instead. **IAN GORMELY**

Into the Abyss
Genre: Documentary
Director: Werner Herzog
Stars: Jason Burkett, Werner Herzog, Michael Perry
●●●●
The notably idiosyncratic German director Werner Herzog has made a relatively straightforward documentary about the fallout of a triple homicide in Houston, Texas. If Herzog still uses this real-life tragedy as a way to access his usual themes about the elasticity of truth and the eccentricity of human behaviour, he admirably keeps his usual rhetorical and visual flourishes in check. This is a rigorous, perceptive film.
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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 6:45-9:45 Sat 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sun 9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45
The Shawshank Redemption (STC) Fri 12

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

The Bridge on the River Kwai (G) Wed 7
The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:55-4:05-6:15-8:30-10:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-1:15-4-5-7:30-8:45-10:55 Mon 1:15-2-5-7:20-8:45-10:40 Tue-Thu 1:15-2-5-6-8:45-9:30
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:50-4:40-7-7:45-10:10-11 Mon-Thu 1-1:30-4-4:40-7:10-7:45-10:10-10:45
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:50-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:50 Mon 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:50-7:50-10:30-10:45 Tue 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:50-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:45 Wed 1-1:50-3:50-4:50-7:50-10:30-10:45 Thu 1:20-1:50-4:20-4:50-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:45
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street,
604-683-Film
vifc.org

The Great White Silence (STC) Sat 8:30 Sun 4:15-8:20 Tue 6:30
The Mill and the Cross (STC) Fri 6:30-8:20 Sat-Mon 6:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-8:20

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 3:50-7-9:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 7:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-7:25 Mon-Thu 7:25
Hugo (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:55
War Horse (PG) Fri 6:40-10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 6:40-10
Young Adult (PG) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 3:50-7-9:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 7:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-7:25 Mon-Thu 7:25
Hugo (G) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:55
War Horse (PG) Fri 6:40-10 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 6:40-10
Young Adult (PG) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri 6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:10-5:20-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:10
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Sat-Sun 1:10
The Descendants (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:55-9:30 Wed 9:30 Thu 6:55-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:50-4:15-7:20-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 6:30-7:10-9:30-10 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:30-4-6:30-7:10-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:30-6:50-9:20-9:50
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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:10-7:35-9:55
The Bridge on the River Kwai (G) Wed 7
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-5-7:55-10:20
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:05-9:55
The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:40-10:35
Don 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 5:45-9:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 1:10-4:45-6:40-9-10:20 Sat-Thu 1:10-4:45-6:40-9-10:15
Happy Feet Two (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05
Hugo 3D (G) Fri 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Sat-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:45-10:05
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 12-3:15-3:45-6:45-7:15-10:15-10:30 Sat-Thu 12-3:15-3:30-6:45-7:15-10-10:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 2:05
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 7:20-10:15
Players (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-5:15-9:15
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-3:50-6:30-7:10-9:45-10:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35
War Horse (PG) Fri-Tue 12:05-3:30-6:50-10:25 Wed 12:05-3:30-10:25 Thu 12:05-3:30-6:50-10:25
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Wed 1:05-4-7-10 Thu 4-7-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Young Adult (PG) Fri-Wed 2-4:35-7:35-10:05 Thu 4:35-7:35-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) No Passes Fri 5-7:15-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:15-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:15-9:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:30

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:25-10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-5:55-8:15-10:35
The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:25-5:45-8:10-10:25
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:55-7:20-10:45
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:35-7:05-7:35-10:05-10:35 Mon 12:30-3:30-7:05-10:05-10:45 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:05-7:35-10:05-10:35
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-5:05-8-10:45
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:30
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:40

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri 4:30-7:10 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:10 Sun 1:45-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Happy Feet Two (G) Fri 4:35-7:15 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:15 Sun 1:50-4:35 Mon-Thu 4:35
Immortals (18A) Fri-Sat 9:55 Sun-Thu 7:15
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 4:45-7:25 Sat 1:55-4:45-7:25 Sun 1:55-7:25 Mon-Thu 7:25

▶ Paula Patton, left plays Jane, Simon Pegg plays Benji, Tom Cruise plays Ethan Hunt, and Jeremy Renner plays Brandt in Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol

The Muppets (G) Fri 4:25-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:40-4:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55
The Sitter (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:40 Sat 2-4:40-7:20-9:40 Sun 2-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sat 9:35 Sun-Thu 7:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:20-7:05-9:45 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:45 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sat 10 Sun-Thu 4:45
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri 4:15-7-9:50 Sat 1:30-4:15-7-9:50 Sun 1:30-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:30-9:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40
Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:55
The Bridge on the River Kwai (G) Wed 7
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:50-10:30
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7-9:45
The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:15-8:30-10:45
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-6:30-7:05-10:10-10:40 Fri-Thu 1:15-5-8:45
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 3:10-6:35-9:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Wed 12:40-4-7:15-10:20 Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45-10 Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:45-10:45
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 12:15
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:30-6:55-9:50
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-1-3:45-4:15-6:45-7:30-9:55-10:35 Wed 12:30-3:45-4:15-6:45-9:55-10:35 Thu 12:30-1-3:45-4:15-6:45-7:30-9:55-10:35 Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:20-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25-7-10:25 Fri-Thu 12-3:45-7:35-10:45
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:35-6:50-9:45 Wed 3:50-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:20-3:35-6:50-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Young Adult (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:40-9

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Sat-Sun 1:30
Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 9:25
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Arthur Christmas (G) Sat-Sun 12:45
Happy Feet Two (G) Fri 4:50 Sat-Sun 2:50-4:50 Mon-Thu 4:50
Hugo (G) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
The Muppets (G) Fri 4:45-6:45 Sat-Sun 2:45-4:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:45
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 5:05 Sat-Sun 1-5:05 Mon-Thu 5:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:15

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The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4-6:15-8:35-10:45
Don 2 (PG) Mon-Thu 2:40-7:15-10:40
Don 2 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:10-7:30-10:55 Mon-Thu 2:15-6-10:10
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:40-4:40-7:7:50-10:15-11 Mon-Thu 1-1:30-4-4:40-7-7:50-10:15-10:45
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:25
Players (STC) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30-10:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:50 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:40 Wed 4:45-7:45-10:40 Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
War Horse (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:55-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:30
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:30 Wed 4:35-7:35-10:30 Thu 1:40-4:35-7:35-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:50
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:05-7:15-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 4-7:15-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:30-8:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:05-7:15-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:30-8:05
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:05-6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4:55-7:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:05-6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 4:55-7:55
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4-6:20-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:20-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:20-7:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4-6:20-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:20-7:40
The Devil Inside (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:35-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-4:35-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:35-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:35-7:25-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:35-8:30
Don 2 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:05-4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 7:10
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1-4:30-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4:45-8:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:30-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 4:45-8:10
Happy Feet Two (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5-8:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:50-7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5-8:20
New Year's Eve (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 4:20-7:10-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:15-7:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:20-7:10-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:15-7:50
Players (STC) Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:15-7:50 Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-4:15-7:50 Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 7 Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 4:15-7:50 Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 7
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:40-6:35-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:10-8:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:40-6:35-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:10-8:25
War Horse (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:35-6:50-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:20-3:35-6:50-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4:50-8:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:35-6:50-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 4:50-8:10
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1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterion theatres.com

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 2-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
War Horse (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat 2:10-7-9:45 Sun 2:10-7 Mon-Thu 7

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterion theatres.com

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Sat-Sun 2:20
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
My Week With Marilyn (PG) Fri-Thu 7:20-9:10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-4:05-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:10-9:55
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Sun 12-12:50-2:20-3:55-4:35-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-4:35-6:55-9:30
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The Devil Inside (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:05
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Happy Feet Two (G) Fri-Sun 12:20
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The Metropolitan Opera: Don Giovanni - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3-3:30-6:30-7:30-9:40-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-5-7:30-8:30-10:45
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10:10
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:35-6:25-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:25-9:15
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-7:25-10:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-12:45-3:40-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:50-10:30 Mon 3:40-4:10-7:15-10:30-10:45 Tue 3:40-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:50-10:30 Wed 3:40-4:10-7:15-9:50-10:30 Thu 3:40-4:10-6:45-7:15-9:50-10:30
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Russell Brand just can't tell a lie

Katy Perry was reportedly blindsided by Russell Brand's divorce filing, but according to sources close to the singer there was plenty of evidence he was losing interest, according to Us Weekly.

"There were so many times when he wasn't there," a source says, offering the last night of Perry's tour in November as an example: "He was totally uninterested and seemed annoyed he was there. I don't think he sat through one song."

And then there was Brand's response to her Saturday Night Live hosting stint in December.

Perry reportedly begged Brand to appear in a skit on the episode, but he declined and stayed in L.A. instead. And after it aired?

"He told her that she wasn't that funny," the source says. "That really hurt." But, um, he was right? It's hard to sit through a Katy Perry concert and she was Nancy Kerrigan-esque terrible on SNL.

Now, if only she would hit him with his own medicine and tell him to buy a bigger pair of pants.

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Demi 'not worthy of being loved'?

Demi Moore admits that her split from Ashton Kutcher has left her shaken and insecure.

"What scares me is that I'm going to ultimately find out at the end of my life that I'm really not lovable, that I'm not worthy of being loved," she tells Harper's Bazaar in a candid interview, adding that she fears finding out "that there's something fundamentally wrong with me and that I wasn't wanted here in the first place."

Demi Moore

But Moore is moving forward, thanks to some profound advice.

"Somebody wrote something to me that said, 'Don't let your wounds make you become someone you're not.' That's really powerful. And not taking life too seriously," she says.

Forget acting, can Demi write a self-help book? She is the new Oprah!

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Pasta perfection in a few simple steps

This recipe offers tons of flavour, without putting in tons of effort

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Using salsa as a base for sauces adds tons of flavour without a lot of effort. Look for fresh tortellini or small ravioli and choose your favourite filling of meat or cheese.

Preparation:

1. In nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook onion, garlic and oregano for 5 minutes or until softened. Add salsa and bring to a simmer and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes.
2. Stir in ricotta, 2 tbsp (25 mL) of the parsley and pepper.
3. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling salted water, cook tortellini for about 8 minutes or until they are tender but firm (al dente).
4. Drain and add to sauce and toss to coat. Serve immediately or alternatively scrape into shallow casserole and sprinkle with cheese. Broil for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden. Sprinkle with remaining parsley.

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This recipe makes 4 to 6 servings.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) chunky medium salsa
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) ricotta cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh parsley
- Pinch pepper
- 1 pkg (350 g) fresh cheese or meat tortellini pasta
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded mozzarella cheese (optional)

Liquid Assets

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Where does the time go? My first column of the New Year has traditionally been dedicated to my boozy predictions for the next 12 months, and here they are.

In the wine world old will be new again. Italy began a comeback late last year and its European neighbours in France and Spain are destined to share in the resurgence of consumer love for classically designed wines.

New World grape crushers from Canada (especially VQA vino from Ontario and B.C. and those earning the Tidal Bay appellation in Nova Scotia) will broaden their fan base and Chilean winemakers will get the recognition they deserve.

Though premium vodka will rule the spirit world, I predict liqueurs will be the hard liquor breakout star with seemingly simple mixtures like the smooth and mouth-massaging combo of whiskey and honey that is Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey ($28.95 to $29.99).

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Made in Italy

Lush, gorgeous and completely engaging, Made in Italy (Clarkson Potter, 2011) by David Rocco offers a full-on appreciation of all things Italian with gorgeous location photography putting the reader right into the scene. METRO

Taste Canada seeks entries for culinary book awards under revamped categories.

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▶ Canadian goalie Mark Visentin stops a penalty shot by Finland's Teemu Pulkkinen.

Goalie gets it done

Visentin shines in Canadian win over Finland for world junior bronze

A depleted Canadian team dug into its reserves to beat Finland 4-0 and capture the bronze medal at the world junior hockey championship Thursday.

Down three players due to injuries and a suspension, Canada extended the country's streak of winning a medal in the tournament to 14 consecutive years.

Goaltender Mark Visentin was the feel-good story of the game. He stopped a second-period penalty shot and made a no-look, around-the-back save early in the third. He finished with 27 saves for the shutout.

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"It was pretty wicked to watch the puck go off my shoulder and off the crossbar," said Visentin of the acrobatic save in the final period. "I just saw it out of the corner of my eye go into my glove when I was reaching for it.

"I was kind of worried that I swept so far back that I put it in my own net, but once I saw it on the replay and the crowd started to go nuts, I had a feeling it wasn't in."

Visentin was in Canada's goal in last year's final in Buffalo, N.Y., where Russia scored five third-period goals to win the gold medal.

"Our best player was Mark Visentin who played outstanding and made big saves in each period," said head coach Don Hay. "I'm really happy for Mark and what he's gone through from last year's tournament.

"He really competed hard and it's great to see Mark play so well today and get the shutout."

Visentin had finished Canada's 6-5 semifinal loss to Russia on Tuesday because starter Scott Wedgewood was injured in the second. The Canadians trailed 6-1 early in the third in that game but a spirited comeback fell just short.

The short-staffed Canadians needed a big game from their goalie Thursday to get a medal and the Phoenix Coyotes prospect delivered. Visentin was named player of the game for Canada.

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Sweden takes gold with OT win over Russia

Mika Zibanejad scored at 10:09 of overtime to lead Sweden to a 1-0 win over Russia in the championship final of the world junior hockey championship on Thursday.

Zibanejad stole the puck from Russian forward Nikita Gusev before breaking into the Russian zone and roofing a backhand shot over the blocker of Russian goaltender Andrei Makarov, who finished the game with 57 saves.

The win gave Sweden only its second gold medal at the event and the country's first since 1981. It was the first time the two European nations had met in the world-junior gold-medal game since the tournament adopted a playoff format in 1996.

Johan Gustafsson made 17 saves in Sweden's net for the shutout.

Sweden dominated the first two periods of the game, outshooting the Russians 17-3 in the first period and 22-1 in the second. Despite the lopsided advantage, the Swedes couldn't figure out a way to solve Makarov.

Russian coach Valeri Bragin decided to go with Makarov in net instead of Andrei Vasilevski, who stopped 44-of-49 shots he faced before being pulled in Russia's 6-5 semifinal win over Canada on Tuesday.

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Familiar face to run Lions defence

It didn't take long for Rich Stubler to find a new job.

Just hours after the Edmonton Eskimos announced that Stubler won't be returning next year as the team's defensive co-ordinator, the B.C. Lions said Thursday he would be joining their staff in the same position.

"Rich brings a tremendous amount of experience and success to our club and I am very pleased he has accepted the position of defensive co-ordinator," Lions head coach Mike Benevides said in a statement.

This is the third time Stubler has been a member of B.C.'s coaching staff. He was the Lions' defensive line coach in 2010 and the team's defensive co-ordinator in 2000, when B.C. won the Grey Cup.

"I'm excited to return to the Lions and work with Mike," said Stubler. "Clearly, they established themselves as a dominant team on defence last season, and I am fortunate to inherit both a terrific staff and some of the league's best defensive performers."

A coach leaves

Barron Miles won't be helping the B.C. Lions defend their Grey Cup title.

▶ Miles was unveiled Thursday as the Saskatchewan Roughriders new defensive backs coach, the same position he held with the Lions.

Under Stubler's guidance, Edmonton finished second in the CFL in fewest points allowed (22.3 per game). The Eskimos' defence helped the club finish tied with B.C. and Calgary atop the West Division standings with an 11-7 record.

"Rich chose not to sign a new contract and informed us he's looking to pursue other opportunities," said Edmonton head coach Kavis Reed said in a statement. "He was instrumental is shaping a group of young players into one of the CFL's best defences and we thank coach Stubler for his contributions."

The Eskimos defeated Calgary 33-19 in the conference semifinal before losing 40-23 to B.C. in the West Division final.

Last season marked Stubler's third stint with Edmonton (1991-'95, 1998-'99 and 2011).

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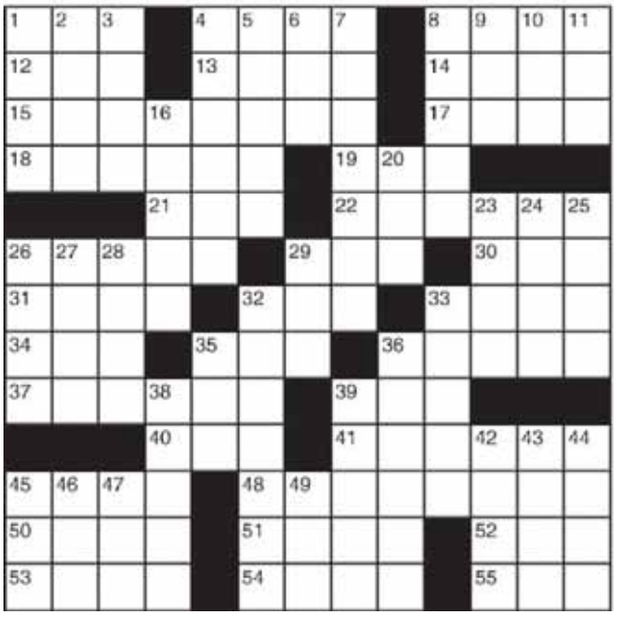

Across

1 Balaam's beast
4 Practice boxing
8 Nitwit
12 Make pigeon noises
13 — Alto
14 Pressing need?
15 Attention-getting, and much more
17 Progeny
18 Boorish types
19 Sanders' franchise
21 Firmament
22 X-rated
26 Busy places
29 Pigs' digs
30 Literary collection
31 Wading bird
32 More, to Manuel
33 Item on stage
34 Lair
35 Car wash option
36 South American plain
37 Strikingly unusual
39 One-name R&B artist
40 Zeta follower
41 Chronicles
45 Con game
48 Foolishly impractical
50 Novelist Ferber
51 Magazine founder Eric
52 Eggs
53 Clothing store section
54 Dines
55 Buddhist sect

Down

1 In need of a massage
2 Protein bean
3 Last year's frosh
4 Ghosts 5 Sucker
6 Foreman foe
7 Pyrotechnician's supply
8 "Saturday Night Fever" genre
9 Raw rock
10 "Ulalume" writer
11 Conclusion
16 What attendance takers count
20 Saute
23 "GWTW" plantation
24 Aware of
25 Mob boss 26 Stash
27 Mountain goat
28 In — veritas
29 Lisa Simpson's instrument
32 Rhesus monkey
33 City north of Dallas 35 Humour
36 Bobcats' kin
38 33-Down's state
39 Upkeep (Abbr.)
42 The gamut
43 Not pretaped 44 Read cursorily
45 Height of fashion? 46 Praise in verse
47 Massachusetts cape
49 Actress Hagen

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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4	8	3	7	9	6	1	2	5
2	6	7	5	8	1	9	3	4
7	5	6	1	3	9	2	4	8
8	1	4	2	6	7	3	5	9
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Yes, you've been in one place too long. Yes, you need a change of scene.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You could easily spend too much or in some other way damage your reputation for prudence today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may go over the top and annoy someone you really ought to stay on good terms with. Think before you speak or push 'send'.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 A job worth doing is a job worth getting paid the going rate for, and as you do a better job than most you are entitled to add a little bit extra.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Creative activities will go well over the next 24 hours but they will go even better if you don't try to do everything yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 It is always a mistake to compare yourself to other people and it would be even more of a mistake now.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Ideas will come thick and fast today but you won't achieve much if you try to follow up on each and every one of them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 There is something you have overlooked and you desperately need to find out what it is and take appropriate action.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may feel there is nothing you cannot do and you may be right, but you do in fact have limits like everyone else.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be on the verge of ending a project that does not seem to be going anywhere special but that would be a mistake.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't jump to conclusions and try to change things without consulting family and friends.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you get the chance to move up in the world you must take it.

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